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SUBJ: TUNISIA SENDS HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION FOR LIBYAN REVOLUTION
CELEBRATION

1. TUNISIA MEDIA CONFIRMED ON AUGUST 31 THAT DEFENSE
MINISTER ABDALLAH FARHAT AND YOUTH AND SPORTS MINISTER
FOUAD MBAZAA WILL REPRESENT GOT AND DESTOURIAN SOCIALIST
PARTY AT CELEBRATIONS IN TRIPOLI MARKING EIGHT ANNIVERSARY
OF LIBYAN REVOLUTION ON SEPTEMBER 1.

2. THIS IS AN ESPECIALLY HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION, AS
SELDOM ARE TWO MINISTERS SENT TO SUCH CELEBRATIONS.
FARHAT'S PRESENCE GIVES IT PARTICULAR STATURE, AS HE
IS A KNOWN INTIMATE OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA, AND IS ONE
OF THE SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT. FARHAT IS ALSO
KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN A HAWK CONCERNING TUNISIA-LIBYA, RELATIONS
AND HIS TRIP TO LIBYA NOW TO PAY HOMAGE TO QADHAFI COULD BE
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VIEWED AS A PUBLIC REVERSAL OF HIS PREVIOUS STAND. THIS DE-
LEGATION SEEMS TO BE ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF GOT'S EFFORTS TO
CONVINCE LIBYAN LEADERSHIP OF SERIOUSNESS OF TUNISIA'S
COMMITMENT TO NEW POLICY OF GOOD RELATIONS, AND GOT WILLINGNESS
TO LET BYGONES BE BYGONES.
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